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## PRELIMINARY INFORMATION FORM (PIF) for INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES

DHR No. (to be completed by DHR staff) 048-0051

### Purpose of Evaluation

Please use the following space to explain briefly why you are seeking an evaluation of this property.

Are you interested in applying for State and/or Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credits? Yes X No     

Are you interested in receiving more information about DHR's easement program? Yes X No     

### 1. General Property Information

Property name:

Index General Store

Property address:

15295 Index Lane King George VA 22485

City or Town:                     

Zip code:                     

Name of the Independent City or County where the property is located: U/A

Category of Property (choose only one of the following):

Building X      Site           Structure           Object

## 2. Physical Aspects

Acreage: 5.5 Acres

Setting (choose only one of the following):

Urban \_\_\_\_\_ Suburban \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_ Village \_\_\_\_\_ Hamlet \_\_\_\_\_  
Rural X

Briefly describe the property's overall setting, including any notable landscape features:

Land is in between rt 3 and Index lane in King George VA. Land has 4 buildings on it. 3,500 sqft house, small Barn, well house and, a large general store built in about 1886.

## 3. Architectural Description

Architectural Style(s):

General Store / Farmhouse

If the property was designed by an architect, landscape architect, engineer, or other professional, please list here:

N/A

If the builder is known, please list here:

N/A

Date of construction (can be approximate):

1885-1887

### Narrative Description:

In the space below, briefly describe the general characteristics of the entire property, such as its current use (and historic use if different), as well as the primary building or structure on the property (such as a house, store, mill, factory, depot, bridge, etc.). Include the architectural style, materials and method(s) of construction, physical

appearance and condition (exterior and interior), and any additions, remodelings, or other alterations.

General store is the main focus. The store is oak, pine, and cedar wood. wooden louver windows. windows are in very poor condition. Store still has Post office inside. Post office was added in 1896. Mrs. Parker was one of the first female Postmasters. Store also has the Back Shelves and Store Counters.

Next to the house is a farmhouse built in 1896 by the same family. The house is undergoing renovations. The house was used by the family as a boarding house. Both the store and Farmhouse remained in the same family until the death of Mr. Parker's oldest daughter in 1974.

Briefly describe any outbuildings or secondary resources (such as barns, sheds, dam and mill pond, storage tanks, scales, railroad spurs, etc.), including their condition and their estimated construction dates.

Behind the general store is a Storage Barn. Barn is in very poor condition. Next to the house, between the house and store is a well house over the hand dug well. Also, a small shed from the 1970's is behind the main farmhouse.

#### 4. Property's History and Significance

In the space below, briefly describe the history of the property, such as significant events, persons, and/or families associated with the property. Please list all sources of information used to research the history of the property. (It is not necessary to attach lengthy articles or family genealogies to this form.)

If the property is important for its architecture, engineering, landscape architecture, or other aspects of design, please include a brief explanation of this aspect.

The General Store was built around 1885-1887. Built by P. Parker and his wife Betty Parker. The Parkers sold many items at the store. From ready made clothing, candy, medicine, house hold goods, sewing notions, and local produce. In 1896 the Virginia Postal Service ask to put in a Post Office. Before this the area was known as Johnsville VA. Mr. Parker named his Post Office Index. He was quoted to say "Where do you go when you look for something. The Index?". The Store was used for many things from a meeting hall, school, place for doctor to see folks. Mr. and Mrs. Parker also took in boarders in their home next to the store.

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**5. Property Ownership** (Check as many categories as apply):

Private: ☒ Public\Local ☐ Public\State ☐  
Public\Federal ☐

**Current Legal Owner(s) of the Property** (If the property has more than one owner, please list each below or on an additional sheet.)  
name/title:

organization:

Jason and Patrick Chiarrara

street & number:

15095 King George Index lane

city or town: King George

state: VA

zip code: 22485

e-mail: Chiarrara2009@Comcast.net

telephone:

301 752 9859

Legal Owner's Signature:

[Signature] 12/8/2018 Date:

• • Signature required for processing all applications. • •

In the event of corporate ownership you must provide the name and title of the appropriate contact person.

Contact person:

\_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Information** (Individual completing form if other than legal owner of property)

name/title:

Jason and Patrick Chiarrara

organization:

street & number:

15295 Index lane

city or town: King George

state: VA

zip code: 22485

e-mail: Chiarrara2009@Comcast.net

telephone:

301 752 9859

## 6. Notification

In some circumstances, it may be necessary for DHR to confer with or notify local officials of proposed listings of properties within their jurisdiction. In the following space, please provide the contact information for the local County Administrator, City Manager, and/or

Town Manager

name/title:

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Regina Puckett  
locality:

street & number:

10459 Courthouse Dr. NE

city or town: King George state: Va

zip code: 22483

telephone: 540 775 4664

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